

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re U.S. Patent Application Of:  
Kok-Hwee Ng et al.

Application No. 09/865,052

Group Art Unit: 3737

Filed: May 24, 2001

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONVERTING AN EXISTING  
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Respectfully submitted,

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